



PATENTS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **Zhong-Cheng Hu**)
) Art Unit: **1712**
Serial No.: **09/397,814**)
) Examiner: **Metzmaier, D.**
Filed: **September 17, 1999**)
)
For: **Sol-Gel Processing With Inorganic**)
 Metal Salt Precursors)
 Management Properties)

RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sirs:

This Response to Examiners Communication and Amendment is filed in response to the Communication of May 22, 2001 in the above referenced application. This Response and Amendment is timely filed in view of the attached Petition for a one-month extension of time and the required fee.

Please note that a new Associate Power of Attorney is filed concomitantly with this Response and Amendment.

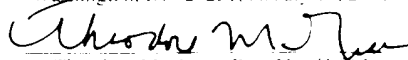
AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 11, 49 and 52-59 without prejudice or disclaimer. Please replace Claims 1-10, 12-48 and 50-51 with the following replacement claims containing the claim amendments attached hereto as "Claim Amendments Version and Markings to Show Changes Made."

In Response to Examiners Communication Applicant has amended the claims to clarify Applicants intent.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service
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Washington, DC 20231, on July 17, 2001


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